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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT -- DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT

REF: MONROVIA 2609

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF EMBASSY'S SUGGESTED DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: MISTER MINISTER, MR. AMBASSADOR (REFERS TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL DESHIELD OR ACTING CHIEF EASTMAN), MEMBERS OF THE CABINET AND GOVERNMENT, AMBASSADOR CARTER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MY VISIT TO LIBERIA HAS BEEN BRIEF BUT IT HAS BEEN MARKED BY THE WARMTH OF A LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP AS WELL AS BY A VALUABLE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY KINDNESSES EXTENDED TO ME AND MY PARTY.

IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VISIT LIBERIA IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE UNITED STATES. FOR THIS IS A TIME IN WHICH WE AMERICANS ARE ESPECIALLY CONSCIOUS OF THE HISTORICAL TIES THAT HAVE FOSTERED THE GOODWILL EXISTING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LIBERIA. FEW MODERN NATIONS CAN LOOK BACK SO PROUDLY TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OF AMIABLE RELATIONS. LIBERIA HAS BEEN, AND IS, AMERICA'S OLDEST AND CLOSEST FRIEND IN AFRICA. AND I KNOW THAT WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUING AND DYNAMIC FRIENDSHIP.

REAFFIRMING OUR SPECIAL TIES HAS BEEN BUT ONE PART OF MY MISSION HERE. OF EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT SIGNIFICANT BILATERAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL MATTERS. I HAVE APPRECIATED HIS GREAT KNOWLEDGE AND

EXPERTISE IN AFRICAN AND WORLD AFFAIRS. I AM ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM PRESIDENT TOLBERT FIRST HAND OF AMERICA'S DESIRE TO ASSIST IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS FOR PROGRESS, DIGNITY, AND WELL BEING. THIS VISIT HAS ALSO PERMITTED ME TO MEET AGAIN WITH YOU, MR. MINISTER, FOR A MUCH APPRECIATED HONEST AND INTIMATE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS.

RELATIONS SUCH AS THOSE BETWEEN LIBERIA AND THE UNITED STATES, BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND THE DESIRE TO ENSURE WORLD PEACE, PROGRESS, AND JUSTICE, CAN SERVE AS A MODEL FOR ALL NATIONS. HERE IN LIBERIA PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAS DECLARED WAR ON POVERTY, IGNORANCE, AND DISEASE. WE AMERICANS ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO OVERCOMING THESE SCOURGES OF MANKIND. OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD FOR A BRIGHT AND PROMISING FUTURE FOR ALL. END TEXT.

2. NOTE THAT "MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS" DOES NOT APPEAR IN SALUTATION, AS IT DID IN DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT (MONROVIA 2609). SINCE DRAFTING LATTER IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT DIPLOMATIC CORPS WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ARRIVAL. DEPARTMENT SHOULD THEREFORE DELETE QUOTED PHRASE FROM ARRIVAL STATEMENT.  
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